

REMARKS

Please amend claim 1 as indicated. Claims 1 through 8 remain in this case. Claim 1 is being amended, and claims 7-8 are newly added.

Specifically, in the preamble of claim 1:

"cam torque actuated" are changed to -- variable cam timing--.

Claims 7-8 are newly added, in which the support to the same is found in page 17, lines 15-18. No new matter is added.


Conclusion

Applicant believes the claims, as amended, are patentable over the prior art, and that this case is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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